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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2009 5:20 PM  
**To:** Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC  
**Subject:** Capx 2020 project

Dear Stephanie

I cannot attend the meeting that is going to be held in Clearwater, MN on July 2, 2009 regarding the Capx 2020 project. We live on State Hwy 24 NW and are in one of the proposed routes for the project. The other route is following Interstate 194 but I have read that they are concerned about the power lines or towers possible falling on the interstate. The alternative route which would go right through my front yard and put the towers in close proximity to all of the homes on Hwy 24 doesn't seem to concern them what if it fell on our homes would that be any less dangerous. It still hasn't been proven that those power lines and towers do not cause cancer to people who are in a close proximity to them. Two years ago MNDOT bought some of our frontal property to widen Hwy 24 so if this project comes in and buys what they want for the project they would own right up to our front porch we would not even own our front yard we would lose all of our trees and we have a stone waterfall in our front yard also which we would no longer own. I believe that things like this should follow the interstate and stay out of residential neighborhoods. I think it would be a lot more cost effective for them also. Please help me have a voice in this and voice my concerns to the appropriate people. Thank you for your time.

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**I-130-001**

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

**I-130-002**

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at:  
<http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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